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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VOYAGE OF RESEARCH VESSEL R/V YAQUINA

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NAVY ALSO FOR OCEANOGRAPHER OF THE NAVY, HOFFMAN II,
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1. REF C STATES THAT THE R/V YAQUINA OF OREGON STATE
UNIVERSITY WILL PERFORM GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH IN WATERS
CLAIMED BY ECUADOR, PERU AND CHILE UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF
OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH, ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION AND
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION.

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2. REFS A AND B REPORT GOE REGULATIONS CONCERNING THIS

KIND OF WORK WITHIN ITS CLAIMED WATERS. THESE REGULATIONS ARE PARTICULARLY STRINGENT WITH RESPECT TO GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH AND REQUIRE VESSELS PERFORMING SUCH RESEARCH PUT IN TO AN ECUADOREAN PORT BEFORE STARTING WORK. SEE ARTICLE 4, SECTIONS 4 AND 8 OF REF A.

3. IF THE YAQUINA DEFINITELY INTENDS TO CONDUCT RESEARCH WITHIN WHAT WE RPT WE CONSIDER TO BE ECUADOREAN TERRITORIAL WATERS, THEN THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT IT SHOULD COMPLY WITH GOE REGULATIONS. WE ALSO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF USG SPONSORSHIP OF VOYAGE AND POSSIBILITY OF EMBARRASSING INCIDENTS, THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES SHOULD GIVE FULL CONSIDERATION TO ADVISING YAQUINA TO APPLY FOR GOE CLEARANCE IF IT INTENDS TO CONDUCT RESEARCH ONLY OUTSIDE THE 3 MILE LIMIT BUT YET WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMIT CLAIMED BY ECUADOR. AS MENTIONED IN REF B, SIX US RESEARCH OR PRIVATE TOURIST VESSELS HAVE BEEN BRIEFLY DETAINED BY GOE AUTHORITIES SINCE FEBRUARY 1973 FOR LACK OF PROPER DOCUMENTATION AS PRESCRIBED IN REF A.

4. AS WE STATED IN REF B, COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REGULATIONS IN WATERS WHICH WE CONSIDER TO BE HIGH SEAS COULD BE INTERPRETED AS U.S. ACQUIESCENCE IN ECUADOREAN TERRITORIAL SEA CLAIMS AND THEREFORE ANY DECISION ON THIS CASE WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL GUIDANCE REQUESTED IN REF B.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY GUIDANCE THE DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE ON THE LOS ASPECTS THIS SUBJECT AS WELL AS A COPY OF ANY ADVICE IT MAY GIVE OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY ON HOW TO COPE WITH THE DIFFICULTIES LEGS 3 AND 8 OF THE YAQUINA'S VOYAGE MAY PRESENT. SHOULD THE DEPARTMENT DECIDE TO ADVISE YAQUINA'S COMPLIANCE WITH GOE REGULATIONS, WE COULD PROBABLY HELP EXPEDITE CLEARANCE BY RAISING MATTER HERE DIRECTLY WITH GOE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE IF WE ARE SENT THE DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BY REF A SOONEST.
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